

SABIT STANDARDS IN AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM

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The SABIT Standards Program, managed jointly by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), provides intensive training opportunities for standards and conformity assessment experts from Eurasia. The program offers in-depth training on effective and efficient practices of product and equipment standards and certification used in the United States as well as inspires confidence in U.S. products and services.

Scope and Mission of the Program

The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Standards in Automotive Program will provide sixteen mid-to-senior automotive specialists from Eurasia one month of intensive exposure to U.S. practices in standards development, product certification, and laboratory accreditation, as well as offer site visits and direct interaction with U.S. automotive manufacturers, service providers, and testing labs.

The delegates, screened and selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce and NIST, represent both national and regional standards agencies and testing laboratories as well as national transportation agencies and private automotive firms throughout Eurasia. The delegates are valuable contacts for U.S. companies looking to do business in Eurasia and many represent gatekeeper agencies, key to getting new products into the evolving markets of the region.

Benefits of Participation

Participation in SABIT offers a unique opportunity for both U.S. companies and Eurasian delegates.

These visits offer solid, practical experience for the Eurasian standards experts and give U.S. businesses an unparalleled opportunity to establish firsthand contacts key to working in the markets of Eurasia. For companies that are not currently active in the region, participation in the program will enable them to learn about potential opportunities in Eurasia and establish valuable industry and government contacts.

SABIT is currently seeking U.S. hosts in the Detroit metro area to provide training, site visits, and presentations for half- and full-day sessions. Interested potential host companies and trainers from other areas of the United States are encouraged to contact SABIT with inquiries.

Session Structure

This program will begin with a two-week session at NIST in the Washington, D.C. area, with government and industry association presentations and site visits, in addition to focused business panel discussions (September 1- September 13). The group will then travel to Detroit (September 14 – September 24) for targeted site visits to companies, laboratories, and other host organizations.

Cost of Participation

SABIT will cover the majority of program costs for all delegates, including round-trip airfare to the United States, all domestic U.S. transportation, housing, insurance, per diem for meals and incidentals, and interpreters to travel with the group. In turn, U.S. host organizations are asked to cover all costs of the training they provide.

For More Information

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